

SITE NAME:	Former American Lead
SITE NUMBER:	7100054
ADDRESS:	2102 Hillside Avenue
CITY:	Indianapolis
COUNTY:	Marion
SCORE:	21.78
SCORE DATE:	June 1999
CONTAMINANT TYPE:	Lead
MEDIA AFFECTED:	Soil
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LAST REVISED:	December 2003

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STATUS: The property was owned and operated by American Lead from 1946 to 1965. In 1965, National Lead (NL) became owner and operator of the property. During their ownership, lead slag, consisting primarily of lead oxide, was stored in open-air piles on the property. In 1965, the main manufacturing building reportedly burned to the ground. In 1971, National Lead had several buildings and slag piles removed from the property. The site remained vacant until 1985, when Central Concrete Company (CCC) purchased the property. In 1990, CCC sold the property to Irving Materials Inc.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) discovered the site in June 1981. In August 1984, the Indiana State Board of Health performed a preliminary assessment of the site. In May 1986, a USEPA contractor performed a Site Investigation (SI) and reported the results in September 1986.

In October 1995, the Indiana Department of Environment Management (IDEM) conducted an expanded SI on the site. The results revealed elevated levels of lead in the soils. These results prompted the Marion County Health & Hospital Corporation (MCHHC), along with the Indiana State Department of Health, to conduct blood lead screening for area residents and regular visitors to the nearby baseball field. These results showed that no one exhibited elevated or concernable levels of lead in their blood. In February 1996, IDEM issued National Lead a special notice directing them to conduct an investigation to determine the nature and full extent of contamination at the site and in the surrounding residential and commercial properties.

The Agreed Order (AO) between National Lead and IDEM was signed on August 26, 1998. The AO requires National Lead to conduct an investigation into the extent of contamination. In the fall of 1999, the contractors for National Lead collected soil and groundwater samples in compliance with their approved work plans. The report detailing their findings was received in March 2000. Additional soil sampling were collected in January 2001 to better define the extent of contamination. On August 21, 2001, IDEM approved the site investigation.

On October 1, 2001, NL submitted a risk management plan. The plan describes remedial methods that could be used on the impacted properties. Both IDEM and MCHHC reviewed the report. A selection was made on the most appropriate remedy for the site which was documented in the Proposed Plan. Unfortunately, American Lead refused to sign the Proposed Plan and the site was ultimately referred to USEPA. USEPA and NL are negotiating the removal action.